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APPRECIATE EMB PASSING THIS MSG TO ZIRINIS OF EXXON EUROPE.

QUOTE: 1. AT MTG MAY 1 WITH UAE MINPET OTAIBA, CHARGE REITERATED IMPORTANCE EMB ATTACHES TO FORTHCOMING VISIT OF EXXON PRESIDENT GARVIN AND HIS SENIOR COLLEAGUES. STRESSED THAT MAIN REASON GARVIN COMING IS TO SEE SHAIKH ZAYID AND THEREFORE, HOPED MINISTER WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSURE MTG WILL TAKE PLACE.

2. OTAIBA ADVISED THAT HE ALREADY HAS DISCUSSED VISIT WITH ZAYID AND INFORMED PRESIDENT HE HOPED HIS SCHEDULE WILL PERMIT MTG. AS THINGS NOW STAND, OTAIBA ASSUMES ZAYID WILL BE IN EMIRATE OF RAS AL-KHAIMAH EVENING MAY 6TH AND THAT THERE IS 80 PERCENT CHANCE MTG WILL TAKE PLACE THAT EVENING. AS OTAIBA JOKINGLY SAID, IN UAE EQUATION, 80 PERCENT IS NEAREST THING TO A SURE BET. PETMIN SAID IF NECESSARY, HE WILL DRIVE GROUP TO RAS AL-KHAIMAH HIMSELF IF AIRCRAFT TRANSPORTATION NOT FEASIBLE. CHARGE GRIFFIN WILL ALSO LIKELY ACCOMPANY GROUP TO SEE ZAYID. UNQUOTE.

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